

# **Hualapai Indian Tribe Long Range Transportation Plan**

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## **Introduction**

The purpose of this project is to update the Hualapai Indian Tribe's long range transportation plan. The plan will provide recommendations to improve automobile, bus, bicycle, equestrian, pedestrian, aviation and marine transportation for the next five, 10 and 20 years.

## **Public Meeting**

To inform and involve community members about the study, ADOT, in coordination with Hualapai Planning and Public Works Departments hosted a second (in a series of two for this study) public open house at the Hualapai Gym, 930 Rodeo Way, Peach Springs, AZ 86434 on Wednesday, August 20, 2014 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Staff present at the meeting included Vamshi Yellisetty and Rick Powers (Jacobs Engineering), Misty Klann and Michele Beggs (ADOT), and Kevin Davidson (Hualapai Indian Tribe). During the open house, a presentation was given followed by an opportunity for Q&A, comments and recommendations on areas for improvement. Participants were also told the plan will be published in November 2014. In total, 17 members of the community were in attendance.

A copy of the sign-in sheets can be found in Appendix A

## **Newspaper Advertisements and Announcements**

A newspaper/newsletter advertisement providing the date and location of the public meeting was published in the following:

- Gamyu Newsletter published on July 18, August 1, August 15
- Kingman Daily Miner (weeks of July 20 and August 17)

A copy of the advertisements can be found in Appendix B.

## **Presentation and Meeting Materials**

A presentation was given at the open house and a comment form was provided to each attendee of the meeting.

A copy of the comment form can be found in Appendix C of this report.

## **Comment Summary**

The following comments were made and noted during the public meeting forum and through written submissions:

### **Safety – Intersection Improvement: Option 1 Traffic Signal (if and when warrants are met) and Option 2 Roundabout**

- Traffic signal
- Traffic light will be the only way to go

## Public Meeting Two Summary

- I like Option #2: Roundabout. I would suggest creating more parking areas for lodge & GCW employees. Restaurant parking can get very congested during lunch time. Suggest adding a “Pick up” parking lot for take-out orders. Or 15 min. parking.
- Option 2: Roundabout, less maintenance on traffic lights.
- I have a concern with the roundabout in so far as commercial vehicle traffic is concerned. They will impede truck and bus traffic in the downtown area. Additionally the locals will use other areas to get on Route 66 rather than drive the roundabout. People are lazy and will find easier ways to get around this area.
- I feel this roundabout is a good option to slow traffic in a high pedestrian area seems the most efficient option for the area and the amount of vehicle traffic.
- I think that Option 2 would be good for the traffic for Peach Springs
- Option 1 Traffic Signal
- Roundabout, maybe help with traffic and improve flow of cars
- Restrict parking on 66 near intersection (too hard to see when crossing/pulling on to 66)
- Parking area across street beside old gas station. No parking on street – can’t see oncoming traffic. Make a roundabout
- Option 1 I like. Option 2 not good for the amount of traffic
- Option 1: Traffic Signal
- Traffic light
- Roundabout to slow down traffic
- If we have to pick one I would like #1 traffic signal - #2 is crazy! No no no no Dangerous!
- Option 1 – traffic signal good
- Option 1 would be a lot better vs the roundabout

### **Safety – Traffic Calming (Pavement Markings, Flashing Speed Sign, Rumble Strips, Double Chicane)**

- Rumble strips, great idea. Always late night travelers neither out of towners, locals coming from work late (GCW). As a personal view coming home from Grand Canyon West after work I’ve almost gone off the road a couple times being tired, always though the rumble strips would be a good idea around Peach Springs and Diamond Bar area.
- Highly visible working & good enough
- Flashing speed sign
- Rumble strips to alert driver inside vehicle. Place where needed.
- The rumble strips would be a good option prior to reaching the roundabout to get the attention of drivers.
- I think Double Chicane would be good for it.
- Flashing speed sign.
- Rumble strips so I can feel the rumble while driving
- Rumble strips – people ignore the rest!
- I like pavement markings & rumble strips
- Rumble strips will wake up drivers
- Pavement markings

## Public Meeting Two Summary

- All of the above
- Yes to all of the above
- Flashing speed sign or pavement markings
- Flashing speed sign would work wonders
- Flashing speed signs would be great

### **Safety – Railroad Crossing (Flashing Light Signal, Automatic Gates, Pedestrian Bridge, Quiet Zone)**

- Option 1
- The flashing light signal, gates, and quiet zone would be a great addition to the RR crossings. As a previous resident you would have these concerns.
- Automatic gates
- I like #1 overpass bridge for both vehicles and people who are walking. Save \$\$\$\$
- Quiet zone needed at Peach Springs and Valentine. At times the train blows horn 12 times or more. Place automatic gates in Peach Springs, Valentine and to grave yard in Valentine.
- This is a public safety issue, however, no real opinion on this as it will take big \$ and neg. by all means to do
- #2 for overpass
- Quiet zone at night
- Option 4 would be the better option for pedestrian traffic. Elimination of train horn use, and emergency response to the community south of the tracks.
- Don't know
- Pedestrian Bridge, so I can walk over the train and look at the emptiness of Peach Springs, AZ.
- Pedestrian Bridge
- Quiet zone for both
- Pedestrian
- Bridge for traffic & pedestrians

### **Pedestrian, Bicycle, and Trail Facilities (Roadside Sidewalk, Offset Asphalt Shared-Use-Path, Unpaved Multi-Use Trail, Unpaved Multi-Use Trail with Amenities, Paved Multi-use Path)**

- Roadside sidewalks, I do see a need, especially up Diamond Creek Rd. with children walking to and from school in crowds on the pavement you often see vehicles driving on the opposite side to avoid accidents causing grounds for potential danger.
- Stay on main roads only
- Looks good!
- Unpaved multi-use trail
- Paved multi-use path
- Just make a roadside sidewalk all the way to Truxton, and put roadside lights for the late night walkers.
- Need a safe sidewalk for kids walking through whole community!
- Bike path & trail for Buck & Doe & 66 Rd. Bike path & sidewalk for Diamond Creek

## Public Meeting Two Summary

- Roadside sidewalk would be nice
- Sidewalks with amenities through Peach Springs AZ
- Peach Springs to Buck N Doe Rd would be good
- Peach Springs to Buck N Doe Rd. for walk – great!
- I think the road needs to have a sidewalk from Peach Springs to Buck and Doe for safety of the people who exercise and the ones who ride bikes.

### Transit Improvements (Recommended Transit Service)

- I don't know, don't ever go that way
- Continue putting gravel on road to GCW – Buck-N-Doe Road (look at implementing identified Short-Term services)
- Short term would be nice
- Short term to Kingman and local service within Peach Springs

### Do you have any additional comments you wish to share with the project team?

- Roads to Kingman need to be worked on, also roads to Seligman need to be fixed.
- Sidewalks from 66 up Diamond Creek would help school students' safety. Right now they walk in the middle of the street.
- I like local service within Peach Springs. Set up a KART service for the local area. Transit to Kingman only. Also maybe to Truxton Gas & Grub.
- Roundabout needed at intersection to tribal office.
- Unpaved multi-use trail for Peach Springs to Buck & Doe.
- Having pedestrian facilities for community members and visitors would be great. Would be a positive for the tribe and could be good for tourism & revenue for the tribe as well.
- Don't know???
- Need more visual signs for the tourists
- Fix the bridge to Hackberry (66), make turning lanes at Tribal Office and at Roads dept. entrance. Turning lane at Hackberry General Store & Valentine.
- Make a road to GCW (paved).
- Turning lanes to Tribal Office, Roads Dept., Valentine, AZ and Hackberry Store. No parking on Rt. 66. Have to pull into middle of Rt. 66 to get on main road.
- NO PARKING Rt. 66 have to pullout in the middle of street to cross
- Peach Springs to Kingman, Peach Springs to Grand Canyon West, Peach Spring to Phoenix, Peach Springs to Laughlin
- We have many tribal members without transportation
- **From:** Nancy Echeverria [<mailto:Nancy.Echeverria@grandcanyonresort.com>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 09, 2014 3:27 PM  
**To:** Kevin Davidson; Philip Wisely  
**Subject:** Submittal of Comments regarding Safety-Railroad Crossing

Hello,

## Public Meeting Two Summary

Thank you for the opportunity to submit our thoughts on this important topic of Safety-Railroad Crossing at Diamond Creek Road in Peach Springs. I have been the GM of Hualapai Lodge for the past 9 years and support the Quiet Zone. We have numerous complaints daily regarding the noise of the train from our guests lodging at our property. If you go to our Trip Advisor page and look at the comments you will see that most people complain about the train noise. This effects our ability to sell out our hotel as we only have 22 rooms on road side and now that is what most people want; so we lose a lot of business due to train noise or loose the reservation entirely as they stay away due to the train noise.

I also feel that in providing the upgraded safety fittings that must go in for a quiet zone would also assist in keeping this area safe and draw more attention that the train crossing is there.

I appreciate the opportunity to support this important project for both the community and Hualapai Lodge.

Best Regards,

Nancy Echeverria

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## Appendix A

# Hualapai Tribe Long Range Transportation Plan

Wednesday, August 20, 2014 • 4-6 P.M.

Hualapai Gym • 930 Rodeo Way • Peach Springs, AZ 86434

Completion of this sign-in sheet is completely voluntary and helps the project team keep an accurate record of meeting attendees. Under state law, any identifying information provided below will become part of the public record and, as such, must be released to any individual upon request. Please print clearly.

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## Appendix B

# Please Join Us

## Hualapai Indian Tribe Public Meeting

### Long Range Transportation Plan

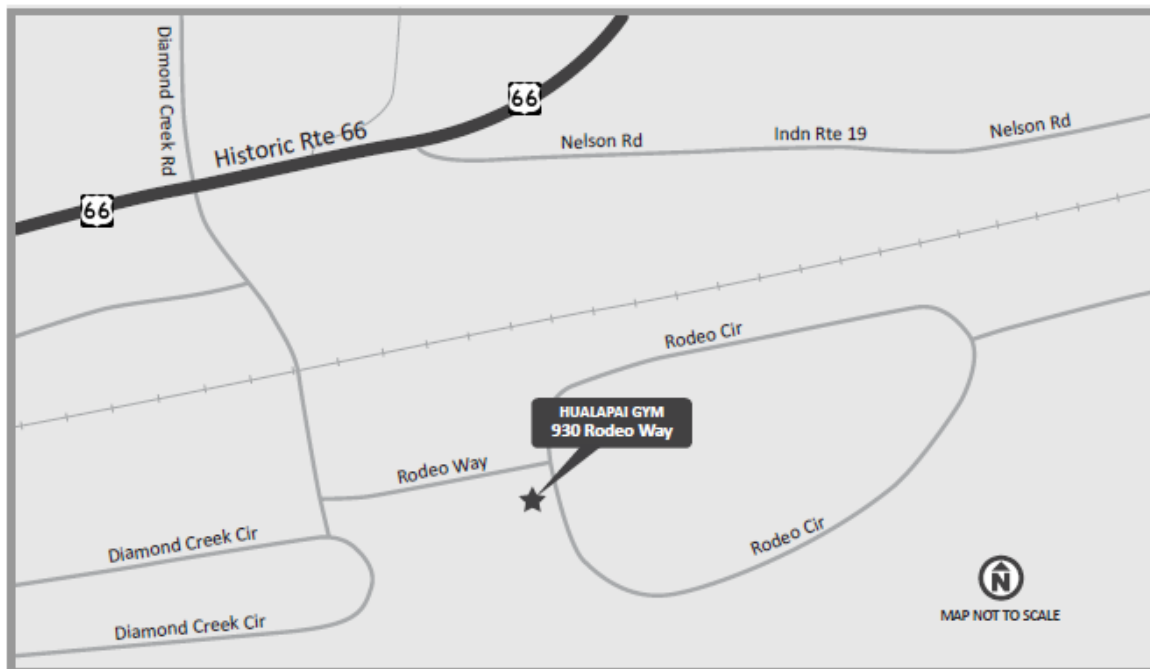
The Hualapai Indian Tribe in collaboration with the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) is updating the Tribe's long range transportation plan funded through ADOT's Planning Assistance for Rural Areas (PARA) program. The plan will provide recommendations to improve automobile, bus, bicycle, equestrian, pedestrian, aviation and marine transportation for the next five, 10 and 20 years. Your knowledge and experience on the proposed recommended improvements for future transportation needs for the community is needed.

### WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU

Join us on **Wednesday, August 20, 2014 from 4 to 6 p.m.** at the second and final public meeting of this study to learn more about the recommended improvements and share your ideas on those recommendations for the Hualapai Indian Reservation community

### Meeting Location

**Hualapai Gym, 930 Rodeo Way, Peach Springs, AZ 86434**



Persons that require a reasonable accommodation based on language or disability should contact ADOT at [projects@azdot.gov](mailto:projects@azdot.gov) or 855.712.8530. Requests should be made as early as possible to ensure the state has an opportunity to address the accommodation.

**ADOT**



FOR MORE INFORMATION:  
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## Appendix C

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## YOUR THOUGHTS, IDEAS, AND COMMENTS

**SAFETY – TRAFFIC CALMING**



- Highly visible pavement markings that are also visible at night



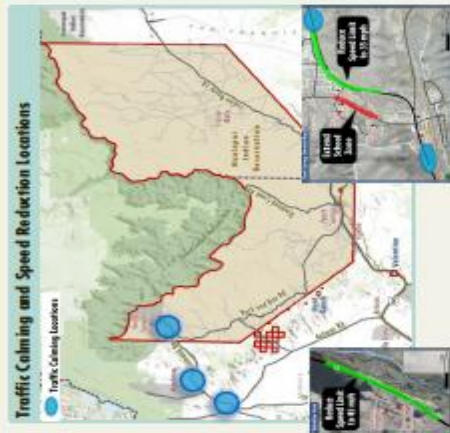
- Grooves in the roadway surface designed to alert drivers



- Alerts drivers of their vehicle speed



- Curved raised medians designed to slow down vehicles



**Comments:**

## SAFETY – RAILROAD CROSSING



- ✓ Valentine
- ✓ Valentine Cemetery Rd



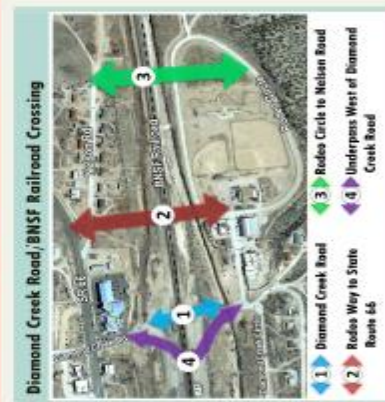
- ✓ Valentine
- ✓ Valentine Cemetery Rd



- ✓ Diamond Creek Road
- ✓ Valentine



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Comments

## YOUR THOUGHTS, IDEAS, AND COMMENTS

## PEDESTRIAN, BICYCLE, AND TRAIL FACILITIES



### Types of Pedestrian Facilities



**Suitable for Diamond Creek Rd  
in Poncha Springs**



**Suitable for Ridgeline Rd**



— Available for \$16.66 from Diamond Creek Rd to Henderson Wine  
— Existing Sidewalk

- Common Shared-use Path
- Shared-Use Trail
- Multi-use Trail
- Trail
- Footpath

Comments: